GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CLOSED OIL DEPOT OF INDIAN OIL AND BHARAT PETROLEUM
Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the oil depot of Indian Oil and Bharat Petroleum situated at Satna, Madhya Pradesh has been closed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the hardships being faced by the consumers after the closure of the depot; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Two fire incidents occurred first, on 14.06.1997 in the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) depot and second, on 17.08.2001 in the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) depot. After the fire incidents in these depots, District Magistrate and Collector of Satna (Madhya Pradesh) had issued notices to these Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for closure of the operation in these depots. Both the depots at Satna have been closed due to safety reasons consequent upon issuance of above notices.

(c) & (d): Sufficient supplies of petroleum products to Satna fed market is continuing from Jabalpur and Sagar depots for the past more than one year where adequate infrastructure is available to take care of additional supplies and there have not been any dry outs of petroleum products at subject location and as such, there has not been any hardship to consumers after closure of the depots at Satna.